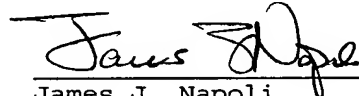




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Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 26, 2005, applicants are required to elect one of the following inventions:

Group (I), claims 1-19, directed to surface crosslinked superabsorbent particles and a method of preparing the same;

Group (II), claims 20-22, directed to a method of absorbing an aqueous medium;

Group (III), claims 23-27, directed to an absorbent article; and